

NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY DRAWS VOLUNTEERS TO HOWREY ISLAND

Mark E. Jacobsen, Miles City FO

HYSHAM –Howrey Island Nature Trail got a much needed helping hand when 19 volunteers donated their time and energy on National Public Lands Day (NPLD) September 6.

The Miles City Field Office NPLD project attracted Miles City scouts and their leaders who dedicated their Saturday to clearing brush and vegetation along the 1.3-mile trail, laying ground cloth and putting down gravel.

According to Fred Wambolt, Assistant Field Manager for Non-Renewable Resources, the work contributed for Saturday represented over \$1,600 in labor alone.

"This is a tremendous opportunity to get involved with local young people and foster a sense of good-land-stewardship," said Wambolt. "This is the next generation of land users and this is a perfect chance to build upon their work ethic and interest in their public lands."

The volunteers joined thousands of others who, during the month of September, lent a hand at 500 sites nationwide. The theme for this year's event was "Lend A Hand To America's Lands," and the Miles City volunteers and scout troops 222 and 208 responded in kind.

Fritz Snyder, District Commissioner with the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), represented the Short Grass District of the Montana Council of the BSA.



SHOVELING GRAVEL--- (L to R) Brian Vadheim, 13, and Donald Brown, 12, load gravel into a BLM truck for transport during National Public Lands Day at Howrey Island Nature Trail, located near Hysham. (Photo by Mark E. Jacobsen)

Snyder was pleased with the day and felt that the opportunity for the youth to provide public service was a close match to his organization's ideals and goals.

"I think it would be a great, worthwhile effort to do something like this on a continual basis," said Snyder. "What a better scouting experience to give the kids than to put them in an outdoor atmos-

phere and to enjoy the outdoors and then in turn, give back something to the outdoors by making it a better place."

Since its inception in 1994, National Public Lands Day has dramatically demonstrated Americans' concern for their public lands. The first event was sponsored by three federal agencies and attracted 700 volunteers to three sites. Last year, nine federal agencies and 125 state and local partners supported the work of 70,000 volunteers at 426 sites. For 2003, 10,000 more volunteers and 75 new sites were expected.

"National Public Lands Day clearly shows the commitment of the American people to our special public places," said Kevin Coyle, president of The National Environmental Education & Training Foundation, which coordinates NPLD. "By the thousands they gave up a Saturday to come out to

preserve and protect America’s lands. In all, more than \$8 million worth of labor and supplies was contributed.”

For the fifth consecutive year, Toyota Motor Sales USA sponsored National Public Lands Day. The nine participating federal agencies were the Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, USDA Forest Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service, US Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of Defense, Environmental Protection Agency, and Tennessee Valley Authority.

SEVERAL OTHER MONTANA/DAKOTAS FIELD OFFICES ALSO HOSTED NPLD EVENTS THIS FALL

- North Dakota Field Office:** Volunteers enhanced an otherwise unsheltered campsite with a ramada at Schnell Recreation Area.
- Lewistown Field Office:** A crew cleaned up litter and performed maintenance on the Limekiln Canyon Trail in the Judith Mountains.
- South Dakota Field Office:** Volunteers removed brush and fuels from a site adjacent to the City of Lead to reduce the fire hazard.
- Dillon Field Office:** Volunteers hiked two miles into the Ruby Mountains to build an exclosure fence and remove hazardous dead trees to protect historic wickiups, which are conical structures believed to have been built 200-300 years ago.
- Dillon Field Office:** The Dillon FO also organized a crew to go into the Axolotl Lakes area to remove noxious weeds, perform maintenance on a small cabin, and build a jack-leg fence around a spring.
- Malta Field Office:** Volunteers painted existing picnic tables and shelters, installed new picnic tables and fire pits, repaired a pole and post fence, and installed blue bird and bat boxes at Buff’s Picnic Area in the Little Rocky Mountains.



MISSION COMPLETE ---(L to R) Jacob Yates, Fritz Snyder, Morgan Jacobsen and Aaron Jacobsen re-position a trail marker during National Public Lands Day held at Howrey Island Nature Trail, located near Hysham. (Photo by Mark E. Jacobsen)

WEED PROOFING THE TRAIL--- (L to R) Pat Rickett, Mike Wade and Fritz Snyder line up weed fabric prior to applying gravel to the Howrey Island Nature Trail, located near Hysham, during Saturday's National Public Lands Day event hosted by the BLM Miles City Field Office. (Photo by Mark E. Jacobsen)



A Message from the Associate State Director

For those of you who read the internal newsletter Noteworthy News, this article is going to be somewhat redundant. But I felt the message was important and I wanted to share it with the readers of the Quarterly Steward.

BLM Montana/Dakotas had an interesting year in FY 2003. First of all we got a new State Director in January. I joined the team in May as the new Associate State Director. Then just last month we gained a new Deputy State Director for Support Services and a new Deputy State Director for Resources. This fall we also lost our Chief of External Affairs to the wonderful world of retirement.

In spite of all those changes at the State Office, work never slowed up. Indeed we had a year of great accomplishments. We completed the Coal Bed Natural Gas EIS; initiated work on the Blackleaf EIS; made significant progress on the Dillon,

Butte and Upper Missouri River Breaks resource management plans; and implemented the Off-Highway Vehicle policy. We also made further strides on rehabilitation at the Zortman/Landusky mines, completed a gather from the Pryor Mountains Wild Horse Range, and finished some great hazardous fuels reduction projects. We had a very challenging fire season, but were able to hold 97 percent of new starts at initial attack, and most importantly, had no fatalities or major injuries. We continue to be among the leaders in BLM in processing grazing permit renewals and we made great progress on a number of wildlife habitat initiatives. And believe me, this is only a short list of what our staff did this year.

All those accomplishments, amid a great deal of change, speak volumes for the people who work in this organization. It tells me that we have a dedicated, capable workforce -- people who know what needs to be done, and more importantly, how to get it done. A couple of months ago the State Director and I did a

quick review of the partnerships that BLM Montana/Dakotas employees are sponsoring or supporting. While the number didn't really surprise us, it certainly was eye opening. There are more than 350. The partnerships came from every part of the organization and almost every BLM program area. To me, partnerships are another example of the great things being done by BLM's great people.

As usual, our employees are out there finding ways to get the job done. I have always been proud of the people I have had the opportunity to work with in BLM. Nationwide, you won't find any better people, who are more dedicated to jobs that they truly believe in. After just six months here, it is evident that this is especially true here. I'm excited to be here in BLM Montana/Dakotas and grateful for the opportunity to be part of this great team.


A. Jerry Meredith

MCFO Hydrologist Presents to Geoscience Convention

Mark Jacobsen, Miles City Field Office

Miles City Field Office Hydrologist Andrew Bobst recently presented a paper before some of the more than 6,000 geoscientists who gathered November 2-5 for "Geoscience Horizons," the 115th annual meeting of the Geological Society of America (GSA).

The meeting was held at the Washington State Convention and Trade Center in Seattle and hosted by geoscientists from the University of Washington.

Bobst's presentation, the "Development of Siting Criteria for Coalbed Natural Gas Water Infiltration Basins," was given during a session on Physical Hydrology.

"The ability to discuss the hydrologic issues we are dealing with in the Miles City Field Office with some of the best minds in the field was a great opportunity for me, and will improve the quality of our work as we move forward," said Bobst.

The Seattle meeting exemplified one of the core

activities of the GSA and addressed the first goal of their strategic plan: to advance the discovery, development, dissemination and stewardship of geoscience knowledge. The event reflected GSA's commitment to fostering integrative science and the interface between geoscience, biology and other scientific disciplines.

Other societies holding their annual meetings with GSA included the Mineralogical Society of America, the Paleontological Society, the Geoscience Information Society, the Association for Women Geoscientists, and the Association of Earth Science Editors.

Sponsors of the session included the U.S. Department of the Interior, GSA Engineering Geology Division, U.S. Geological Survey, GSA History of Geology Division, and History of Earth Science Society.

Lemm Named Deputy State Director for Resources

Howard Lemm is the new Deputy State Director for Resources.

Lemm graduated from Montana Tech in 1975 with a degree in petroleum engineering. After working in private industry in the Southwest and in Norway, he started his career with the U.S. Geological Survey in Billings in 1977. He later held petroleum engineering positions with the Minerals Management Service and BLM in Billings, Colorado and the Lewistown Field Office, and eventually became the Deputy State Director for Minerals in the BLM Utah State Office. In 1991, Lemm returned to the BLM Montana State Office to be Branch Chief for Oil and Gas, and later the Branch Chief for Lands and Appraisal.

"Howard has a wealth of experience in the many resource issues," said State Director Marty Ott. "Over the last several years he's been involved in all aspects of resource programs in Montana and we're pleased to have his skills and knowledge on our staff."

Lemm succeeds Tom Lonnie, who is now the Assistant Director for Minerals, Realty and Resource Protection in the BLM Washington Office.

Lemm is a native of Twin Bridges. He and his wife, Robin, have two daughters.



Guches Joins Montana/Dakotas BLM

Sandy Guches joined the Montana/Dakotas BLM in October as the new Deputy State Director for Support Services.

Guches started her career with the Bureau of Reclamation in the Pacific Northwest Region and joined BLM in 1984 as safety manager for the Medford District in southwestern Oregon. She spent several years in the Oregon State Office as State Safety Manager. She transferred to the BLM Office of Fire and Aviation at the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise in 1998, and became the Associate District Manager of the Vale District in 2000. Guches was acting Vale District Manager from October 2000 to October 2001 and acting District Manager for the Lower Snake River District in Idaho from April to August last year. She has also completed acting details as DSD Support Services, both in Oregon and Colorado.

Montana State Director Marty Ott noted that Guches' skills and experience fit the Montana position well.

"We are very pleased to have Sandy on our staff," said Ott. "The DSD for Support Services manages administrative and support operations, and that includes a wide variety of issues. Sandy's experience will serve us well."

Our Recreation Attractions . . . Check 'em out!!



Bear Trap Canyon

Location

30 miles west of Bozeman, Montana

Description

North of Ennis Lake, the 6,000-acre Bear Trap Canyon Wilderness was the first unit of the National Wilderness Preservation System to be managed by the BLM. The canyon cuts its way through 1,500 feet of granite in the Madison Range, and the fast-flowing Madison River features a 9-mile stretch of mostly Class IV rapids, culminating in the famous Class V "Kitchen Sink" rapids. The area also features outstanding scenery, opportunities for wildlife viewing, and a "Blue Ribbon" trout fishery. The Bear Trap Canyon National Recreation Trail and Trail Creek/Pot Trail are both located within the wilderness.

In addition to the recreational opportunities found in the wilderness, the BLM manages several established recreation sites along the lower Madison River and Ennis Lake. These include the Red Mountain Campground, Warm Springs Boat Launch, Clute's Landing Boat Launch, Kobayashi Beach, and Trail Creek Day Use Area.

Directions

From Bozeman, travel 30 miles west on Montana State Highway 84 and turn left at the Madison River onto Bear Trap Road. Travel 7 miles to the northern boundary of the wilderness area. – Or - From Ennis, Montana, travel 6 miles north on State Highway 287, turn east at the town of McAllister onto Ennis Lake Road, and continue 7 miles to the end of the road and the southern boundary of the wilderness area.

Visitor Activities

Hiking, floating, fishing, swimming, water skiing, jet skiing, camping, picnicking, whitewater rafting, and wildlife viewing.

Special Features

The canyon has healthy populations of rainbow and brown trout. A variety of wildlife inhabits the area, including elk, deer, ospreys, hawks, geese, and eagles. Grizzly bears occasionally visit the area.

Permits, Fees, Limitations

Permits are not required for private float groups, but registration is necessary at the launch. Commercial floats are available.

Accessibility

All restrooms, developed campsites, and most picnic areas are accessible.

Camping and Lodging

Camping is allowed only in developed and dispersed/designated campsites, with a maximum of 3 vehicles per site. Per-night fees are charged. Developed camping is available at Red Mountain Campground and Clute's Landing. To get to Red Mountain Campground from Ennis, travel 10 miles north on U.S. Highway 287 to the town of Norris, then travel 8 miles east on State Highway 84 to the river. Clute's Landing, on Ennis Lake, is accessible from Bear Trap Road, just north of the town of Ennis. Lodging is available in Bozeman, McAllister, and Ennis.

Food and Supplies

Food, supplies, and commercial services are available in Bozeman, McAllister, Ennis, and Norris.

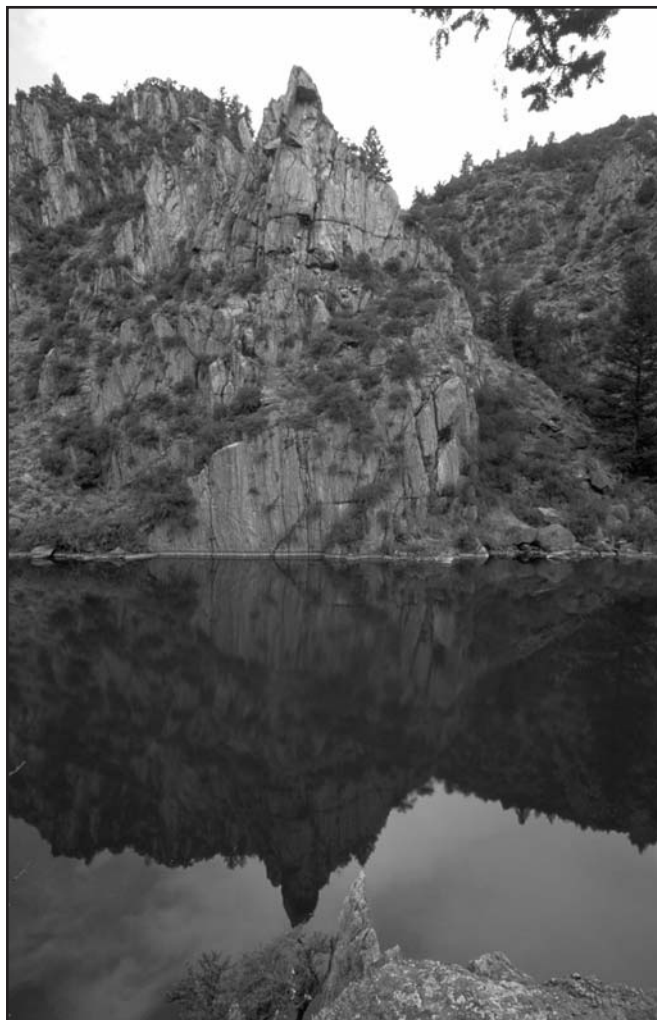
First Aid

The nearest hospitals are in Bozeman and Ennis.

Additional Information

Vehicle travel in this area is limited to designated routes. All recreation sites are closed to the discharge or use of firearms, except within the Bear Trap Canyon Wilderness during open hunting season. Open fires must be completely contained within one of the permanently installed metal fire grates provided. Visitors should be aware of the presence of rattlesnakes, ticks, and giardia (an intestinal parasite found in some fresh water). A hiking trail follows the river for the length of the canyon, but cannot be accessed from the southern end. The Bear Trap Canyon Wilderness Visitor's Guide is available free of charge from BLM. Canyon floaters must be skilled in negotiating whitewater.

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Conservation Corps Tackles Projects in Southwestern Montana

Marilyn Krause, Western Montana Zone

Twenty years ago, the Bear Trap Canyon Unit of the Lee Metcalf Wilderness near Ennis became BLM's first designated wilderness area. Over the years the Bear Trap and adjacent Lower Madison Recreation Area increased in popularity and were on the verge of being "loved to death." In 1999 the Dillon Field Office placed limits on some recreation uses within the Lower Madison Recreation Area to stop the spread of noxious weeds, protect natural and cultural resource values, and improve public safety in the area.

This summer Susan James, Outdoor Recreation Planner, enlisted the help of the Montana Conservation Corps for three weeks to help with a series of projects in the Bear Trap/Lower Madison area. The Montana Conservation Corps (MCC) is a non-profit organization that provides outdoor work experience for young adults while they learn job and life skills.

Crews spent two weeks in the Bear Trap Wilderness clearing brush and downfall, repairing steep, narrow, eroding sections of trail and creek banks, and removing and naturalizing campsites. In addition to the trail work, they assisted in gathering field data for the wilderness evaluation including a full campsite inventory and resource condition assessment.

The project included documenting site conditions, taking photos and developing maps. Previously inventoried sites as well as new problem areas such as angler trails, weed infestations, and campsites were documented. This information will be used to compare the

condition of campsites between now and the original inventory at the time of designation in 1983 and establish new photo points as a means of tracking future change.

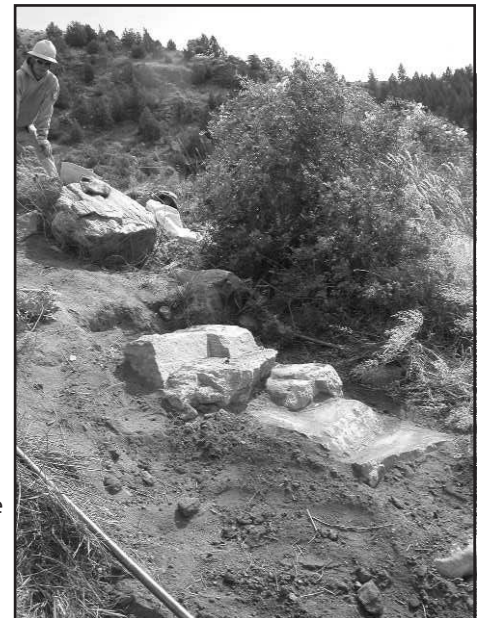
In the Lower Madison area, MCC spent a week restoring 15 dispersed campsites along the Madison River. Rock "stairs" were installed to improve access to the river. Other steep trails were closed to control erosion or where multiple trails had developed. In their "spare time" they removed trash, pulled weeds, installed vehicle barriers,

and started rehabilitation of disturbed areas.

Other partners contributing to the success of the Lower Madison Recreation Area are Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, and Montana Department of Transportation. The cooperative effort resulted in improved access from Highway 84, a long-term rental agreement with the landowner at Blacks Ford Fishing Access and a re-route of a county road to provide a safer, more functional site.



MCC members used native vegetation where possible to improve and maintain recreation sites in the Bear Trap area. *Photo by Susan James.*



Rocks were rearranged to provide better stream access and prevent stream bank erosion. *Photo by Susan James.*

POMPEYS PILLAR VOLUNTEERS HONORED AT END OF SEASON BANQUET

Volunteers from the Pompeys Pillar Historical Association were honored at a banquet October 8 for the service they provided during the 2003 season.

This past season, volunteers donated a total of 2,677 hours at Pompeys Pillar National Monument, an increase of more than 300 hours over last year.

In addition, volunteers donated 1,114 hours to operate the Association's book store in downtown Billings. Revenues from sales at the book store and the visitor center at Pompeys Pillar grossed more than \$100,000, with profits going to improvements and programs at the Monument. Volunteers also provided visitor information and interpretive programs to more than 3,000 students and the public.

Volunteers who were honored for more than 10 years of service included Stella Britton, Joan Fischer, Clyde Fleming, Norma Hodgson and Ira Juhl.

Helen Bryson, Ethel Fleming, Joan George, Molly Karst, Gerald Lenander, Barbara Pollari, Deanna Marsh, Valentine Shear, Mary Jo Sherman,

and Dr. William Walton were recognized for five or more years of service.

Valentine Shear volunteered the most hours by a female, with 170. Ed Jacobson volunteered 110 hours, to lead the men.

Chuck Cook was named Volunteer of the Year for giving freely of his time and talents to help visitors understand the historic significance of Pompeys Pillar and the Lewis & Clark Expedition. Chuck also coordinated school visits to the Monument by making arrangements for presenters and programs, and assisted with preparations for the annual Clark Days event.

Sharon Peterson was recognized for her long term contributions to Pompeys Pillar. Over the years, she provided support for bringing the site into public ownership and improving services.

Pompeys Pillar National Monument is managed by the BLM in cooperation with the Pompeys Pillar Historical Association. Dick Kodeski, Monument Manager, stated that BLM could not provide the current level of services at the site without the substantial assistance from the Association and its volunteers.



Joan Fischer, Ira Juhl, Norma Hodgeson and Stella Britton were honored recently for more than 10 years of volunteer service at Pompeys Pillar.

User Groups Pitch In at Whitetail Pipestone

Marilyn Krause, Western Montana Zone

When the Whitetail Pipestone Travel Plan was completed last spring, the challenge became how to implement the decisions on the ground and how to accomplish all the resource related work in the 30,000 acre area. The answer was a cooperative effort among the BLM and volunteers from user groups interested in the area.

"BLM was realistic and knew all the decisions would take a few years to implement," commented Steve Hartmann, Assistant Field Manager and Whitetail Pipestone Project Leader. "What we didn't want was a plan that sat on the shelf – we needed to start taking action to enlist the help of area users, mostly off-road vehicle riders."

The work was divided into phases and the Butte Field Office is currently in Phase One which includes signing and maintaining roads and trails that are open to OHVs and closing user created trails that tend to be more

dangerous for riders and prone to soil erosion.

This summer BLM hired Justin Urresti, a seasonal equipment operator skilled in the operation of a SWECO, a tracked 48" wide piece of equipment

especially made for trail maintenance. So far Urresti has maintained more than 21 miles of trails completing more than 480 "rolling dip" water bars. The water bars channel water off the roads and trails but allow riders



Butte's force account crew and volunteers worked this summer to stop soil erosion on user-created trails. *Photo by Huey Long.*



Butte Assistant Field Manager Steve Hartmann evaluates a user created trail that needed work in the Pipestone area just east of Butte. *Photo by Huey Long.*

to ride at sustained speeds.

"I try to strike a balance by keeping the challenge in the trail for the users but stop soil erosion while always keeping safety in mind," stated Justin Urresti. "I worked with volunteers from the Mining City Trail Riders and Joyce Thompson of the Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association to make sure the challenge was met."

Other volunteers worked with BLM and loaned a piece of equipment known as the "boulder buster." The Pipestone area is known for its large granite boulders – it's what makes the area unique and attractive to

riders. Some boulders needed to be removed to make the trails safer and the volunteers worked with BLM to break up the rocks or reroute the trails if necessary.

The Montana Conservation Corps also played a large role in the area this summer. One of their jobs was to help close user created trails by moving trees, shrubs, and rocks into the trail area to make it less visible and start the rehabilitation process.

They also installed several log water bars and re-routed trails for safety and erosion control. Huey Long, BLM soil scientist, worked closely with the project most of the summer reseeding closed trails.

With all that's been accomplished, the work is far from over. Plans are in the works to develop an accurate, comprehensive travel plan map of the area for users and kiosks.

User groups have committed to building off-loading ramps if BLM purchases the materials. There is also a need for restrooms and graveled parking lots.

The adage "if you build it, they will come" seems to be holding true for the Pipestone area. Use has increased and Hartmann has received inquiries from magazines dedicated to off-road vehicle riding.



Miles City FO Archaeologist Doug Melton demonstrates the finer points of skewering a mammoth during his atlatl demonstration for students of the Sacred Heart Parish School in Miles City on October 3. *Photo courtesy of Bart Freese, school principal.*



They proceeded on . . .



Winter 1803-04

Captain Meriwether Lewis spent much of the winter of 1803 in St. Louis gathering information and last minute supplies for the coming expedition. His co-captain, William Clark, established winter quarters at "Camp Wood" on the Illinois side of the Mississippi River almost opposite the confluence with the Missouri. Clark's journal entry for December 13, 1803, reads ... "Tuesday -- on the 13th fixed on a place to build huts. Set the men to clearing land and cutting logs -- a hard wind all day -- flying clouds. Sent to the neighbourhood, Some Indians pass." It would be five long, cold months of training and preparation before the ascent of the Missouri would begin.

New Members Appointed to Resource Advisory Councils

Interior Secretary Gale Norton has appointed 22 members to the four citizen-based Resource Advisory Councils (RACs) that advise the BLM on public land issues in Montana and the Dakotas.

"We value the concerns and input that the Resource Advisory Councils provide in helping us to manage our public lands," Norton said. "I welcome our new members and look forward to their commitment, expertise, and counsel as we work to improve the health of our public lands."

Composed of citizens chosen for their expertise in natural resource issues, the BLM's 24 RACs provide counsel and advice on public lands planning and management within the RAC's jurisdictional boundary.

"RAC members bring diverse backgrounds and a wide range of perspectives to each of our councils," said BLM Director Kathleen Clarke. "This diversity results in a balanced outlook that helps the BLM carry out its multiple-use mission."

All four Montana/Dakotas RACs held a joint meeting October 29-30 at the Montana State Office.

Resource Advisory Councils were created in 1995. Names in bold were appointed or reappointed in October 2003 to represent the interest indicated. Council terms are for 3 years.

Central Montana RAC

Francis Jacobs	Federal Grazing
Lisa Cowan	Federal Grazing
Glenn Terry	Commercial Recreation
Dale Slade	Energy/Minerals
Larry Ostwald	Transportation/ROW
Mary Fay	Environmental
Robert Doerk	Archeological/Historical Interests
William Cunningham	Dispersed Recreation
Jeff Sheldon	Archeological/Historical Interests
Arlo Skari	Environmental
Randall Gray	Elected Official
Darryl Seeley	Public at Large
Charles Floyd	Public at Large
Dean Stiffarm, Sr.	Native American Tribes
Arthur Kleinjan	Public at Large

Eastern Montana RAC

Marian Hanson	Commercial Recreation/Permittee
Jamie Byrne	Commercial Recreation/Outfitter-Guide
David Smith	Livestock Grazing
Colby Branch	Energy/Minerals
Charles Hauptmann	Energy/Minerals
Robert Lubbers	Environmental
Janice (Becky) Kallevig	Environmental
John (Jack) Bailey	Archeological/Historical Interests
Howard Boggess	Archeological/Historical Interests
John Gibson	Environmental
Neta Old Elk	Native American Tribes
John Ensign	State Natural Resources
Martin Ulrich	Public at Large
Norris (Mack) Cole	Elected Official
Betty Aye	Elected Official

Western Montana RAC

Roger Peters	Federal Grazing
Robin McCulloch	Energy/Minerals
Donna Tate McDonald	Commercial Recreation
Douglas Abelin	Off-Highway Vehicle Use
Sue Marxer	Federal Grazing
Robin Urban	Archeological/Historic Interests
Susan Lenard	Environmental
Richard Young	Environmental
Ben Deeble	Environmental
Dennis Phillippi	Environmental
Robin Cunningham	Public at Large
Garry Williams	State Natural Resources
C. Ted Coffman	Elected Official
Daniel Lucas	Public at Large
Pat Flowers	State Natural Resources

Dakotas RAC

Carol Koerner	Energy/Minerals
Ronald Ness	Energy/Minerals
Andrea Stomberg	Energy/Minerals
Mary Buchholz	Federal Grazing
Dan Hutt	Transportation/ROW
Jerry Kobriger	Environmental
Gerald Reichert	Environmental
Larry G. Nelson	Environmental
Robert Paulson	Environmental
VickieLee Larson	Wild Horse and Burro
Rod Landblom	Public at Large
Thomas Quinn	Elected Official
Reinhard Hauck	Elected Official
John Hoganson	State Natural Resources
Richard Brauhn	Academia



Calling BLM Retirees

The BLM Retirees Association meets on the first Tuesday of odd-numbered months. Each meeting starts at 11:30 a.m. and features a short program. As of this printing, a new meeting location has not been selected, but please call Cynthia Embretson at 252-1367 or Shirley Heffner at 259-1202 for an update.

If you would like to receive email notifications of these meetings and other office functions, please call Cynthia or send your address to her at ceatsage@wtp.net.

The Public Lands Foundation offers new retirees a free one-year membership. Please contact Bill Noble, PLF Montana Representative, at 406-656-0267 to join.

Please also help us keep our Quarterly Steward mailing list current by contacting Ann Boucher of the External Affairs staff at 406-896-5011 or aboucher@mt.blm.gov with address changes.

Retired from Montana/Dakotas BLM since October 1, 2003:

Trudie Olson — 26 years
External Affairs Director, Montana State Office

Elaine Gilman — 28 years
Cartographic Technician, Montana State Office

Patty Hougham — 32 years
Human Resources Assistant, Montana State Office

Harlan Flemmer — 25 years
Engineering Equipment Operator, Lewistown FO

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